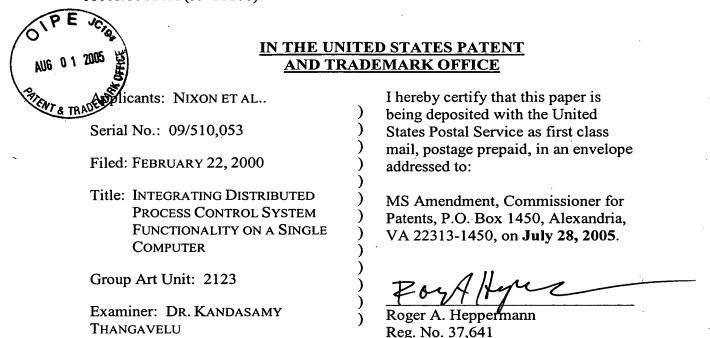
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 28, 2005

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2005, applicants respectfully request the examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.